



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman*  
*Richard C. Straiton, Selectman*  
*Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman*

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Tax Collector Ann Scacco.

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Comments:** Michael Duff as Police Commission Chairman

**Correspondence:** Letter (not dated) from Michael Duff, Chairman of the Police Commission.

**Minutes of June 9, 2016:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes with the amendment that, item 6) *Consideration of Clean Water Fund Grant agreement #693-PG* was actually, *Consideration of Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank Loan #2016-7040*. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved. Selectman Straiton abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**First Selectman Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that road work is well underway and the bridge project on Plumtrees/Whittlesey is progressing nicely. He also noted a change to the Tax Abatement for Retired Volunteer Fire Personnel; this will be explored further.

## **New Business**

### **1.) Consideration of PT Barnum Statue repair**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he met with Pat Rist from the Historical Society to discuss repairs needed to the Doughboy Statue. Mrs. Rist had contacted the original builder and they will perform the necessary repairs.

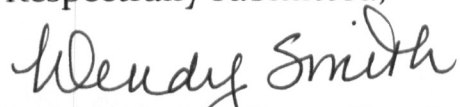
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve funding in the amount of \$10,300 for the restoration of the PT Barnum Statue. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

### **2.) Consideration of Phineas Park Tax Agreement**

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor explained that the proposed agreement is very similar to the agreement the Town of Bethel has with Reynolds Ridge and the previous Augustana Homes. Both of which were for the elderly and based on state statutes, this agreement is based on a Town ordinance (which is cited in the agreement) and will be solely limited to real property taxes and will not include an abatement for any personal property taxes or sewer charges.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Phineas Park Tax Abatement Agreement. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary